

SOMB Meeting Minutes – 12/16/11 10AM – 12 PM

This meeting was held via video and phone conference.

Member Attendees: Michael Bednarz, Amy Campanelli, Carol Corgan, Lisa Stephens, Pat Delfino, Sheryl Essenburg, Steve Goytia, Robin McGinnis, Verlin Meinz, Tracie Newton, Harry Reed, Alyssa Schafer, Dick Winkler

Non-member attendees: Dawn Welkie (for Jen Gonzalez), Chris Starkovich

Excused: Mickie Owens, Abdi Tinwalla, Cara Smith, Dustin Sutton, Pat Delphino

Unexcused: B. Kent Jones

Alyssa Schafer Chaired the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Legislative Committee changes to the SOMB statute. All changes were reviewed.

Membership

- There was a discussion that the judiciary membership based on the information that Verlin submitted pertaining to the potential conflict that the judges may have if they were to participate on the board. The Board decided that it may be best to delete these members and replace with the Director of AOIC or his/her designee.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice was added as a proposed Governor appointed representative.
- The President of the Illinois Polygraph Society or designee and the President of Illinois ATSA or designee were proposed to be placed back into the membership.

Duties

- The Board discussed the removal of the wording of tracking and monitoring sex offenders since this is a function that the Board itself cannot do.
- The Board discussed that it would be best suited to provide trainings to various members of law enforcement and treatment providers.
- The Legislative Committee also discussed the phone conference they had with the Attorney General's Office. The AG's Office is proposing that the Board remove itself from the function of approving providers. Instead, they propose that providers be licensed or work under someone who is licensed as well as have a designated number of initial and ongoing training hours.
 - Board members had varying opinions as to this proposal. In the end of the meeting, members agreed to look at the modified wording and vote on this proposed change.

Funding

- The Board decided to propose to cease the funding for reimbursements since this is only utilized by a very few counties. Funds received by the Board would be utilized in part for training and resource provision.

Offenses

- Offenses of Grooming and Traveling to Meet a Minor were proposed to be added to the statute.

The Board agreed to meet again via phone conference to discuss the legislation changes on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 3:00PM.

Meeting adjourned.